

May 2, 2001

Dear FDA Commissioner,

I am writing to express my opposition to FDA's proposed new rule and guidance on genetically engineered (GE) foods. We oppose the agency's voluntary labeling and notification proposals in support of all the points in the citizen's petition currently before the agency (docket No. 00N-1396, and 00D-1598).

- All GE foods should be labeled so I am informed and have a choice.
- GE foods should not be assumed to be "generally recognized as safe" and should have mandatory pre-market safety testing
- There should be a moratorium on GE foods until long-term studies show they are safe for human health and the environment.

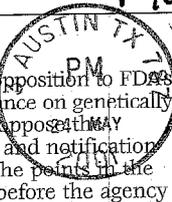
(Additional Personal Comments): I know 3 persons (close to me) that have life-threatening illnesses and supermarket food seems to be the common denominator - DO SOMETHING TO RESTORE CONFIDENCE.

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Deadlines:
 GMO labeling - March 19, 2001
 Premarket Testing - April 3, 2001



LABEL GENETICALLY MODIFIED FOOD !! WHY THE WAIT ?



WHAT'S THE BIG DEAL.

WHO'S SIDE ARE YOU ON ?



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RE: Docket No. 00N-1396, and 00D-1598

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